

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2119, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3110, PROVIDING URGENT MATERNAL PROTECTIONS FOR NURSING MOTHERS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3992, PROTECT OLDER JOB APPLICANTS ACT OF 2021; RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO S. 1301, PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR AMERICANS ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, against the backdrop of President Biden's demand that Congress immediately pass an unprecedented \$3.5 trillion tax and spend budget package that constitutes the largest tax hike since 1968 and massive new unsustainable debt, the House votes today to extend the debt ceiling until December 3rd.

I will vote no.

One analysis shows that Biden's budget—championed by Senator BERNIE SANDERS—could cost up to \$5.5 trillion after accounting for several budget gimmicks that artificially lower the price tag.

Despite the fact that approximately \$1.3 trillion of previously appropriated COVID funds remain either unobligated (about \$800 billion) or obligated but unspent (about \$500 billion)—sitting idle in the government coffers—the Biden administration is demanding more power to borrow.

There has also been a serious lack of transparency as to how COVID funds are spent.

In a July report, the Government Accountability Office (GAO)—the federal government's "watchdog agency"—recommended "that Health and Human Services (HHS) improve transparency over tens of billions of dollars in unspent relief funds."

The GAO also recommended that "the Office of Management and Budget and Department of Treasury issue timely guidance for audits of hundreds of billions in state and local COVID relief funds."

Nothing but political will—and a genuine commitment to responsible governance and spending within our means—precludes redirecting some or all of the \$1.3 trillion unobligated and unspent COVID funds to mitigate the debt, instead of new borrowing.

There was a time when then-Senator Biden was concerned with the detrimental impact of debt on the economy and on those—our children and grandchildren—who will someday pay a huge price for today's profligate government spending and the borrowing needed to sustain it.

In a Senate speech in 2004, then-Senator Biden opposed raising the debt ceiling and condemned the "threat of massive deficits" and said, "the bill for our decisions will be sent to our children and grandchildren, in the form of the additional debt we authorize today."

In 2006, Biden said: "... I am voting against the debt limit increase ... the tsunami of debt created by the policies of this administration (George W. Bush) has to go somewhere ... But as the rest of the world copes with the waves of U.S. debt, we are now all in the same leaky boat. There is just so much of our debt other nations want to hold ... We need both more awareness, and more understanding, of this fundamental threat to our economic well being and the global economy."

Today, with our national debt far worse than ever—it was \$8.5 trillion in 2006, today it's \$28.4 trillion—the President ought to heed his own words.

HONORING MS. SARAH YOUNG
GLACKIN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Sarah Young Glackin on her long and distinguished career as a member of staff on the House Appropriations Committee as she prepares to leave us for new endeavors.

Myself and my fellow colleagues—on both sides of the aisle—have relied extensively on Sarah's expertise in many appropriations matters, most notably in the areas of defense and military construction.

Sarah's career began on the Subcommittee on Defense, with a portfolio that included Tricare and Defense Health Programs.

Four years later, she moved to the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and then Subcommittee on Interior and Environment. She soon returned to Defense, where she worked on Counterdrug and Narcotics, Missile Defense, Defense Health Programs, Military Medical Research, and TRICARE. For the last decade, Sarah has served on the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

She was responsible for military construction across all components and services, the improvement of housing for our servicemembers and their Families, and the NATO security investment program. Oftentimes congressional staffers are not appropriately recognized for their service. However, they are the Americans from all over our nation that represent the fabric of our country. Sarah has served in more ways than one.

Madam Speaker, Sarah has been an institution on the Appropriations Committee since the moment I arrived there. My Colleagues and myself will miss her dedication, her pa-

tience, and her deep reservoir of knowledge. I want to wish Sarah all the best as she pursues new adventures.

IN RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN
WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL
CHAMBER UNSUNG HEROINE
AWARD RECIPIENT JESSICA
WORKMAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jessica Workman, Vice President of Member Experience at Advantage One Credit Union as she is awarded the Unsung Heroine Award at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's 5th annual Women of Achievement Awards. Her significant contributions to our downriver community are worthy of commendation.

Ms. Workman began her career at Advantage One Credit Union over 12 years ago as a teller and has worked her way up to her current role as Vice President of Member Experience. A native of Romulus, Michigan, she studied Political Science at University of Michigan—Dearborn. As a leader in her office, Ms. Workman is always looking for ways to improve the credit union for employees and members alike, and she meets each new challenge with enthusiasm. Even during a core conversion in the midst of a pandemic, Ms. Workman remained dedicated to making a positive change in her workplace—even when things got tough.

Her colleagues know her as someone who always has an upbeat attitude and looks on the bright side. A true team player, she challenges everyone to find new ways to help others and to go above and beyond in serving their members. She takes on every task with grace and optimism, and for that her entire team is thankful. Ms. Workman lives in Maybee, Michigan with her family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jessica Workman and in congratulating her for being the recipient of the Unsung Heroine Award. We are grateful for her service to our community in Wayne County and beyond. We join with Jessica's friends, family, and colleagues in thanking her for her tireless work in making our community a better place for everyone. Her hard work has not gone unnoticed.

HONORING JON G'S BARBECUE

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to Garren

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